Lima Co. 3/5 Reunion

VIETNAM 1965-1971

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September 15, 2001 . . . Newsletter #63 . . . *here's the family folks' faces!*

Marines, Corpsmen, Family and Friends of Lima 3/5 Vietnam

Guest Speaker: Vic Krulak, Jr.

Once a year I give you all a break from my verbage. The pages of photographs that ensue tell the entire story . . . 2001 the 'Dago! Thanks for the photos: **Patrick Dudley**, **Ed Conti**, **Joe Pollicino**, **Les McFall**, **Brenda Gibeau**, **Leo Hand**, **Al Ross**, **Alabama Gulledge**, **Jerry Winters**, **David Arrasmith**, **Richard Ker** and **Steve Cobb** . . . Great Job!

Reunion San Diego building blocks! I misfired by not including one of our 2001 Newcomers, **Ronald Lightfoot** . . . I apologize bro'.

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In our continuing search for our Lima 3/5 brothers we sometimes locate a piece of bad news.
Mead Dickerson (May 66) - deceased 1991.

THE KIA/MEMORIAL Bracelet project is making an impact . . . and expanding to honor all veterans! If requested, we can create a wrist Memorial for any Veteran of any war: Father, Uncle, friend, even an existing MIA. This is a NON-PROFIT venture by Lima 3/5. Our cost is $7.50. After packaging/shipping costs to you, we are close to the $9 investment . . . a walking memorial! We have all of our 160 "KNOWN" KIA bracelets in the vault awaiting their Memorial display at Reunion 2002 and beyond . . . forever . . . we honor these "few good men"! Contact Hank for orders.

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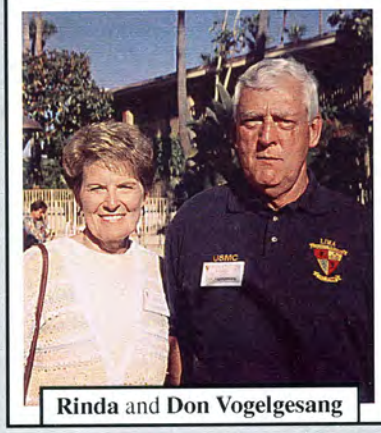
A lot of crossed paths in 3/5 . . . Hopefully these access numbers will help you send or receive . . . Marines helping Marines!

FROM LEFT: BOB BRAGOLE, PATRICK DUDLEY, ALABAMA GULLEDGE, AL ROSS, JIM ANDRULEWICZ, BOB SNOWDEN, GREG CLOUTIER, TIM SEDROWSKI, LEO HAND, JOHN PRESNALL, AND FOFO TUITELE.

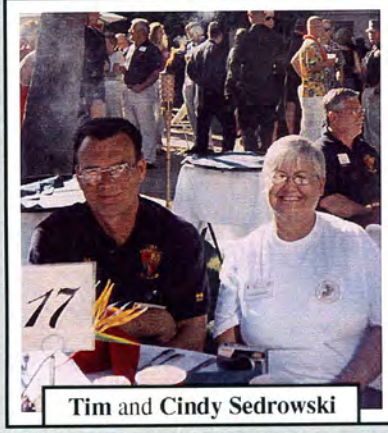
FROM LEFT: FOFO TUITELE, ROBERT HENRY AND JIM "ALABAMA" GULLEDGE.

Fofo Tuitele



Rinda and **Don Vogelgesang**

Robert Henry, **Dennis Freed** and **David Arrasmith**



Tim and **Cindy Sedrowski**

1966er's

"Corpsman Up" - I don't remember this part in 1968

Bob Garcia

Brian Mayer and **Rudy Abril**

'69-'70: L. Strum, D. Handy, J. Hunt, T. Williams, M. Maehl, H. Hatchett and **S. Bergeron**

Bob and **Diane Modrzejewski**

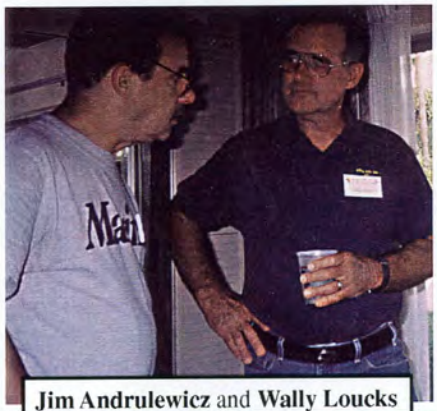
John Templeton

JP Hunt Golf Champion

The **Winters**

Top: **Irene Cobb**, **Joyce Pollicino** and **Karen Garcia**
Bot.: **Linda White**, **Nancy Snowden** and **Deborah Cloutier**

TET 1968



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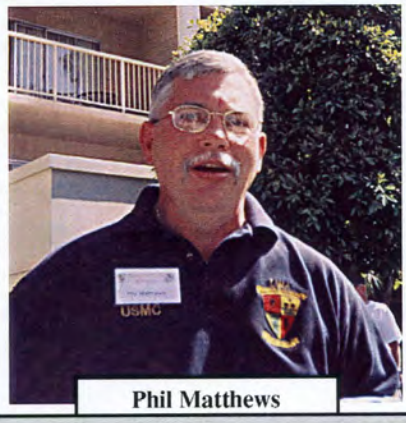

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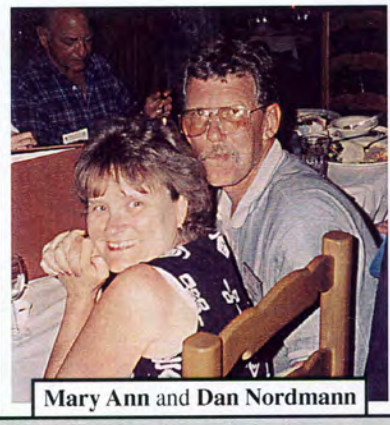


Mary Ann and **Dan Nordmann**

Mabel and **Phil Vangel**

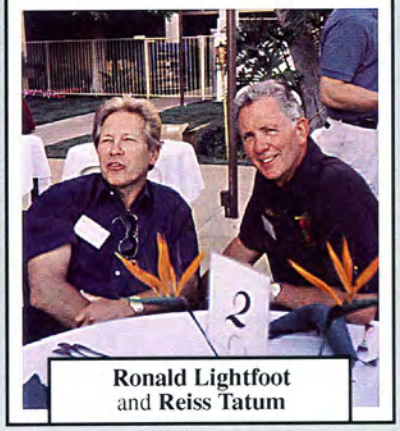
Jim Bridston

The **Bragole**'s and the **Ross**'s

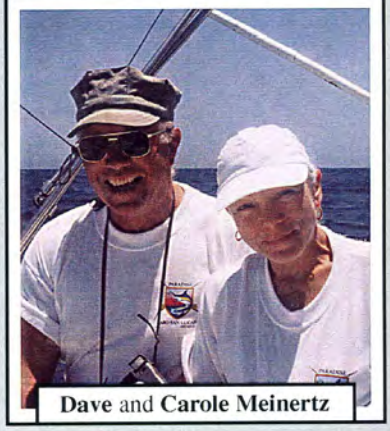
Fofo Tuitele and **Ken Carmen**

Ed Conti, **Reiss Tatum**, **Jim Harrington**, **Don Vogelgesang** and **David Meinertz**

Nancy and **Bob Snowden**, **Linda White** and **Skip St. Clair**



Ronald Lightfoot and **Reiss Tatum**



Dave and **Carole Meinertz**

Chris and **John Wold**, **George** and **Pat Christo** and **Kevin Shaughnessy**

From left: **George** and **Pat Christo**, **Chris** and **John Wold**, **Grace** and **Ed Conti**

TERRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

DID YOU KNOW HOWARD DONALD?

Yes, each and every one of you are American Heroes. Please let me introduce myself. My name is Terrance R. Parrish. I am 42 yrs. old and a veteran of the USAF (77-81). I am trying to contact people who served with Lima 3/5 in 1967 and who knew Cpl. Howard (Buddy) A. Donald from Tamaqua, PA. Buddy's tour was up and he was to depart any day when he was KIA on 06-08-67 from wounds received on 06-06 supposedly from a vehicle hitting a land mine. My relation to Buddy is that I am married to his niece Dee Ann. My mother-in-law, Bud's sister, and his other sister, were his only siblings. These 2 fine women still grieve for their brother and would greatly appreciate the opportunity to speak with people who knew him during his tour. A sense of closure and peace is what these 2 women need as they both have had other tragedies with loved ones in life. My mother-in-law, Mrs. Daryl (Donald) Holley, who is five yrs. older than Bud was, lost her son, Cpt. David J. Holley, Jr., USMC when his F-18 Fighter Jet was lost at sea during a training mission in March 1996. He, his weapon's operator, and the plane were never recovered. There is no official finding as to what happened, the plane just disappeared off radar with no calls of distress. Bud's other sister, Debera (Donald) Baddick, who is 9 yrs. younger than Bud was, experienced the loss of her husband while he was playing softball. He was playing 1st base when a runner collided with him in the chest, causing his heart to stop. Most tragic for both these women, but it was their fate to experience the loss as it was fate that the lost went when they did. I am sure you all know what I mean as your fate has seen to it that you survived your ordeal in Nam and returned to the rest of your fate in life. I hope fate shines once again by bringing together people who knew and loved Buddy; who can talk and honor his memory; who can share his humor and sorrow; who can share and know that his life was significant; and to preserve the memories for future generations of his family to know, that like all of you, he was a hero and that he gave the ultimate sacrifice for all of us. God bless you all.

Please contact me.
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Yes this reunion will go down as one of the very special ones. There were so many first timers that made it so very special for them and us. As I stood around watching the new guys see their buddies for the first time in 30 plus years, I remembered my own feelings and it was as if I was seeing them all over again for the first time.

I had a funny thing happen to me after I left San Diego. Gail and I went to Lake Tahoe for a vacation following the reunion. We were taking in the sun near the pool. There was a young man, mid to late twenties, with four children. He looked like a military type and was giving very stern orders to his kids. We both thought he must be military. Well, I decided it was time for me to go, so I got up and put on my Lima 3.5 shirt. I started to leave when this guy comes over and says, "I'm Major ???? (I failed to remember his name). I am with HQ 3/5. I introduced myself as a Lima 3/5 member. He said, "You are coming from your reunion. I am the outgoing Lima Company Commander." It was so strange. You know, one of the weird moments that shows one how small this world is or how connected we really are to one another. It was like icing on my reunion cake . . .

So yes it was a GREAT REUNION!

I am Semper Fi!

Richard Hoffman
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FROM LEFT: DENNIS FREED, RICHARD HOFFMAN AND MARK DOLAN.

Leo and I had a very good time at our first reunion. Leo was extremely pleased to find out who actually helped save his life by getting him to the med-evac. He never knew who it actually was, and to J.P. Hunt, Leo and I will be very grateful.

Also, Leo was excited about finding out how to get in touch with Don Levesque. They have talked several times since the reunion and are planning to meet in September. We are looking forward to the New Orleans reunion and this time hope to be able to stay for the banquet.

Mary Anne and Leo Hand

FROM LEFT: LT. COL. STINNETT, PATRICK DUDLEY, AND SGT. MAJ. MIKE JONES.

I really didn't know what to expect when I arrived for the Reunion.

As usual there was a reminder that the sayings "Semper Fi" and "Brothers" was ever present from the moment I arrived at the hotel until I left. And I may add the feeling stayed with me long afterwards.

I should have known even after 35 years the old feelings were just as strong now as they were back then.

I want to thank everyone for such a great time and cannot wait until next year.

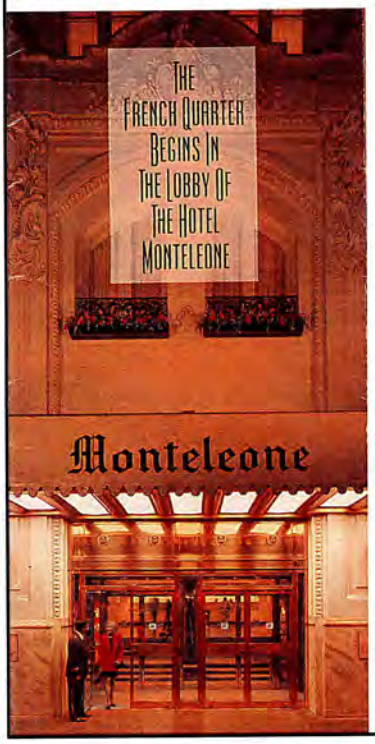
My other half was so excited by what I had told her and the pictures I brought back, that she will be with me next year.

See you all then. Just can't wait.

Patrick B. Dudley

LEO HAND

REUNION 2002 NEW ORLEANS



Oh yea, we be on that party!! Skip and I visited our hotel LZ for Reunion 2002, and . . . all is very well indeed. The list of things to do is too long, but all of it is walking distance away. Hey, no choice! Driving in New Orleans ain't bad, parking is! $10 a day, that's half price for the first 40 cars to register at the Monteleone. A deal! If you fly in, take the $10 shuttle to the hotel and walk your way thru Reunion days and nights. These will be walks remembered forever. This was my first visit to 'Nawlins. I walked . . . I'm still smiling! If you have been down in the French Quarter, then you know . . . if you haven't then you will be amazed. We will be just one block off Bourbon Street . . . THE PLACE TO BE after the sun sets.

The unique flavor of New Orleans: The retails shops, restaurants, bars, and coffee shops are endless . . . teaming with the very unusual to the even more unusual . . . it's a walk in a park like no other. The cuisine is way off the charts . . . cajun' style stuff, excellent! . . . a treat difference from my hometown viddles. Who has the best Po-Boy?

Shopping is a MUST! Ladies, listen up . . . you can spend your life away here. Did I mention 'walking distance'? The local shops would take a week to cover. Plus, you must do the "River Walk', shops galore, food forever and you're on the Mississippi River . . . which is deep, like they can't even record the bottom's depth, even with today's technology! That's deep! Oh, there's more . . . but I will yield to the photos of San Diego 2001. This will be a different Reunion . . . just as they all have been - join us! Our 2002 New Orleans host is **Skip St. Clair** (May-Aug '66) at (386) 649-6950 - sstc517821@earthlink.net and our 'man on the spot' is **Bobby Sardi** (Jun-Dec '68), our local dude in New Orleans at (504) 283-7879 . . . for the inside scoop around town! Contact Reunion HQ for details and answers.

DON'T MISS THE BIG PARTY IN "THE BIG EASY"

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Reunion Banquet is Saturday, June 8th

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PTSD

At our now famous San Diego Reunion, Alabama and I talked with those interested in post traumatic stress disorder and VA compensation.

After I left the Marines, I became a psychologist specializing in PTSD, of all things. I then met **Dave Grady, Lima** 3/5, who was also nationally known for his work in PTSD. If you served in Lima Company you have PTSD, to some degree or other. How much it has changed you is variable, depending on the extent and amount of combat you saw and how you were treated when you returned to the world. Did anybody tell you that you had changed? What did your mom say?

Many Lima guys start to have symptoms as they retire, or face some difficult times. How many marriages? Perhaps several. How many jobs? Perhaps many. How many friends? Damn few outside of Lima Company. Drawn to exciting things? Probably. Sleep well? Not likely. Sit with your back to the wall? Probably. Does it feel good to have a weapon nearby? Maybe. Do you trust the Government? No.

Many men seeking PTSD disability haven't had jack shit in the way of combat. They get service connected because they heard an incoming round during a movie and their evening was disrupted, spilling hot popcorn and cold beer on the way to a bunker.

Many heavy combat vets don't want to talk about the bad stuff, usually because Marines got hurt or killed. Maybe it's out of respect. I don't know. It is hard to talk to a VA shrink, younger than your own kids are, about life and death in Vietnam. Mean, lean and Green men don't admit to feeling lonely, depressed or suicidal. And of course, don't admit to drinking too much.

I am drawing 70% for PTSD and the snuffies were a hell of a lot more exposed than I.

Get in touch with a VA benefits counselor or a service officer from DAV or American Legion, AMVETS, PVA, VVA . . .

On line, visit www.hadit.com; hadit.com's Veteran to Veteran.

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For a free copy of Tom's book on PTSD, write to: DAV (attn: Charitable Programs), P.O. Box 452500301, Cincinnati, Ohio . . . Just ask for a copy of Tom's PTSD book.

MARINES OF 3/5 REUNION

Next May 16-19, 2002, there will be a gathering of Marines in LaGrange, GA for the 3rd Annual Marines of **3/5 Reunion**. This gathering is better known as "The Shindig In Georgia" and will be held at Highland Marina on West Point Lake.

At the first reunion we had less than 50 people attending, at the last one we had slightly more than 100 people. Folks, this year has greatly exceeded our expectations! It is only August and all the cabins at the Marina are already full and if it keeps on the way it has begun, we may have over 200 people attending! Boy, we have to say that we never expected it to take off like this, but we are proud it did.

We have contacted a nice motel in LaGrange, The Lafayette Garden Inn, to accommodate our overflow at the same rates as the Marina. We will be handling the motel reservations as well as those at the Marina. The rates are $325.00 per bedroom for the 4 day, 3 night stay. This includes rooms, all meals, and caps and visors, sporting the 3/5 logo, for the men and their ladies.

We had a great time at the previous reunions and expect to have an even better time at the one next May. There is a rumor that we may be having another wedding! We cannot name the happy couple or even confirm this rumor for fear of scaring off the groom! There are also other plans in the works and we will be letting you know about these when the time gets closer. We can tell you that we will be fishing, swimming, boating, looking at photo albums, talking over old times, and just plain having fun! There will be singing and music on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Some of our own guys will be doing the performing and they are great! The Memorial Service will be on Saturday afternoon. We will be honoring four of our fallen comrades and their families will be present to witness this event.

If you think you might be interested in joining us next May, please contact Curtis Eidson at Jarheadnam@aol.com or phone him at 770-574-9353. We are looking forward to meeting all the new people and seeing old friends again. See you next May in GA! Semper Fi.

Brenda & Curtis Eidson

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FROM LEFT: GEN. RAY MURRAY, REISS TATUM, AND AL ROSS.

FROM LEFT: JOE MCLAUGHLIN, FRAGER SPATES, JOHN HARRIS, AND JOHN PRESNALL.